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May 31, 2002

Jan Pels, HSE-5J
U.S. EPA, Region V
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Ms. Pels:

Re: Inland Metals Refining
East Chicago, Indiana

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) was requested by U.S. EPA to screen residential neighborhoods located near former lead smelting factory sites for lead contamination in the soil. The U.S. EPA provided IDEM with a list of 14 sites in Indiana where lead smelting is believed to have occurred, but have not been previously investigated. Inland Metals Refining was listed as a facility where babbitt metals and solder smelting took place.

Inland Metals Refining was listed at 3601 Canal Street, Hammond, Indiana. The site is currently vacant and secured by a fence (see photos). A sign on the fence reads "American Steel Foundry". The site is in a heavy industrial area surrounded by petroleum facilities and scrap yards. No residential neighborhoods are located in the immediate area. The nearest neighborhood is located southeast of the site and soil was sampled in that neighborhood as a result of the screening of another lead smelter.

IDEM has determined that Inland Metals Refining, 3601 Canal Street, East Chicago, Indiana is not located in an area where it was a potential source of airborne lead contamination in residential neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Billy E. Giles, Geologist
Site Investigation Section
Office of Land Quality

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US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5



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Photographer Date Time
Others Present: Andrew Robertson

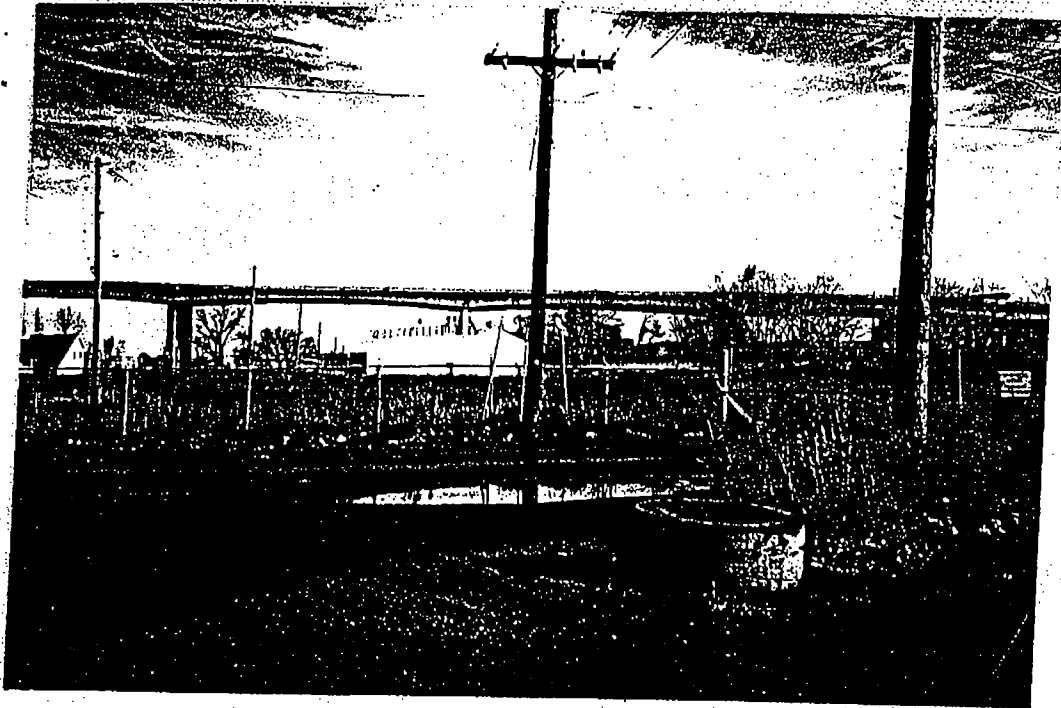
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